

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

an integrated tightening portion in an area which fits over a wearer's body, the tightening portion extending, when the garment is being worn, from a ~~the~~ vicinity of an upper part of a ~~the~~ buttocks cleft, passing ~~the~~ vicinities of upper parts of a ~~the~~ right and left buttocks, to ~~the~~ vicinities of a ~~the~~ right and left greater trochanters; and

a body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above a ~~the~~ crotch at a ~~the~~ front center toward above a ~~the~~ right and left of the crotch.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the magnitude of a tightening force of the tightening portion varies along the area.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment, comprising:

an integrated right tightening portion and an integrated left tightening portion in areas fitting over a wearer's body, each of the tightening portions extending, when the garment is being worn, from the vicinity of the right or left greater trochanter to the vicinity of an upper part of the right or left buttocks and toward the vicinity of an upper part of the buttocks cleft; and

a body front tightening portion made of material having a tightening force and extending, when the garment is being worn, from above the crotch at the front center toward above the right and left of the crotch.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the tightening force of the tightening portion is strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 4, wherein the tightening force of the tightening portion gradually weakens in a direction passing the

vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portion further extends from the vicinities of the greater trochanters along the outer borders of the thigh portions.

Claim 7 (Original): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 6, wherein the tightening portion further reaches ankles.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion has a shape which is curved upward in the vicinity of the upper parts of the buttocks when the garment is being worn.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein, when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion comprises:

- an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and
- a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion forms a belt shape.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein magnitudes of tightening forces of the tightening portions vary along the areas.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 13, wherein the tightening forces of the tightening portions are strongest in the vicinity of the upper part of the buttocks cleft.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 14, wherein the tightening forces of the tightening portions gradually weaken in directions passing the vicinities of the upper parts of the right and left buttocks and extending toward the vicinities of the right and left greater trochanters.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, further comprising thigh portions which fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portions further extend from the vicinities of the greater trochanters along the outer borders of the thigh portions.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 16, wherein the tightening portions further reach ankles.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein, when the garment is being worn, each of the tightening portions comprises:

an upper side tightening portion positioned on an upper side; and

a lower side tightening portion which is positioned on a lower side and has a strong tightening force.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the tightening portions are formed through power change in a single piece of knitted fabric.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 3, wherein the crotch-possessing corrective garment is any one of a girdle, spats, a bathing suit, tights, a pantyhose, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, and men's pants.